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CIA Said Aware Of Soviet Troops

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 27—
(AP)—Sen. Birch E. Bayh (D-Ind.), chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, says the Central Intelligence Agency knew Soviet troops were massing on the Afghan border before their invasion and occupation of the country.

"I have read about how the CIA was caught short in Afghanistan," Bayh said Saturday. "The president knew about them."

"I knew about them, but you'll forgive me for not sending out a press release on it," he said.

"We have the capacity to see and learn and know where they [Soviet troops] came from," he said. "We couldn't look into the minds of the [Soviet Army] field commanders and see where they were going, but we knew they were not on the Afghan border to pick mushrooms."

Bayh is seeking an unprecedented fourth term as an Indiana senator.